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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO URGE U.S. TO STAY IN ILO

REF: A. GENEVA 1571, B. GENEVA 1568

1. SUMMARY: DURING WASHINGTON VISIT LATER THIS MONTH, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IS EXPECTED TO URGE PRESIDENT CARTER AND AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY TO KEEP U.S. IN ILO. CALLAGHAN'S APPEAL WILL REFLECT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS (TUC) AND AFL-CIO. END SUMMARY.

2. TUC PRESIDENT CYRIL PLANT TOLD US HE HAS SENT ILO BRIEFING PAPER TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN FOR USE IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. PLANT SAID THRUST OF BRIEFING IS THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ILO SHOW THAT
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PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD REVERSING TRENDS OUTLINED IN U.S. NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO, AND THEREFORE, U.S. SHOULD DECIDE TO STAY IN ILO.

3. PLANT SAID CALLAGHAN HAD ACCEPTED HIS ADVICE TO SEEK MEETING WITH GEORGE MEANY AND TO URGE MEANY TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO KEEP U.S. IN ILO. CALLAGHAN WILL

ALSO THANK MEANY FOR HIS PUBLIC SUPPORT OF UK REQUEST FOR IMF LOAN. PLANT BELIEVES THIS SORT OF APPRECIATION FOR MEANY'S HELP AND CALLAGHAN'S TRADE UNION BACKGROUND WILL ENHANCE EFFECTIVENESS WITH MEANY OF CALLAGHAN'S PLEA TO KEEP U.S. IN ILO.

4. WE UNDERSTAND FROM UK MISSION THAT THEY CABLED ABOVE MESSAGES FROM PLANT TO CALLAGHAN LAST WEEK. IRVING BROWN, U.S. WORKER MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY, (AND AFL-CIO REP IN EUROPE) IS AWARE OF PLANT'S BRIEFING PAPER, AS IS MIKE BOGGS OF AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. BOGGS ALSO TOLD US RELATIONS BETWEEN TUC AND AFL-CIO HAD IMPROVED MARKEDLY IN RECENT MONTHS.

5. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ILO REFERRED TO BY PLANT INCLUDE VOTES BY GOVERNING BODY MARCH 3 TO (1) CLOSE THE BOOK ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S FOLLOW-UP OF 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL; AND (2) ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE STANDING ORDERS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE BY PROVIDING SCREENING PROCESS TO ELIMINATE IRRELEVANT POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS (REFS A & B). BOTH MATTERS WERE IMPORTANT U.S. OBJECTIVES AT GB SESSION.

6. COMMENT: IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT A LABOR PARTY PRIME MINISTER MUST LISTEN TO TUC REQUESTS; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE CALLAGHAN WILL BOTH LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW PLANT'S ADVICE ON ILO. FOR ONE THING, IN THE FIRST U.S. DEMARCHE ON ILO POLICY LAST JANUARY BY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN, CONFIDENTIAL

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CALLAGHAN SHOWED AMAZING SENSITIVITY TO TCU INTERESTS. END COMMENT.CATTO

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